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***WARDENS: Transmission of the following announcement by telephone is mandatory.***

## **EXPLOSION IN SYEDA ZAINAB**

According to local news agencies, shortly before 10:30am local time on December 03, an explosion occurred on a bus in Syeda Zainab, a suburb of Damascus. The security services have cordoned off the district, casualties have been reported, and American citizens are strongly advised to avoid this area until further notice. The U.S. Embassy is unaware of any additional threat to American Citizens in Syria resulting from this incident but will continue to monitor the situation.

For the latest security information, Americans living and traveling abroad should regularly monitor the Department of State's Bureau of Consular Affairs Internet website at <http://travel.state.gov> , where the current Worldwide Caution, Travel Warnings, including the Travel Warning for Syria, as well as the Country Specific Information for Syria can be found. Up-to-date information on security can also be obtained by calling 1-888-407-4747 toll-free in the United States and Canada or, for callers outside the United States and Canada, a regular toll line at 1-202-501-4444. These numbers are available from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Eastern Time, Monday through Friday (except U.S. federal holidays).

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